Free treatment for TB patients

1266. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a programme to ensure that poor and needy patients get free medicines and treatment for TB;

(b) whether it is also a fact this policy or programme is implemented only in some States of the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for exclusion of some States from this health policy to combat TB;

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that all such identified poor patients get the required medicines to fight TB; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) Under the National TB Control Programme, anti-TB drugs for full course of treatment are provided free of cost to all TB patients irrespective of economic status. The Programme is being implemented in all States of the country except few districts of Bihar which are under advanced stage of preparation for implementation of the programme.

Emergency facility in CGHS

1267. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries can approach any CGHS dispensary in emergency;

(b) when were the instructions issued in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these instructions are not being honoured at present and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to renew these instructions for the benefit of beneficiaries as well as doctors?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Normally a CGHS card holder is attached to a CGHS dispensary in his/her locality based on his/her address of residence for availing medical facilities. However as per